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EL SALVADOR: FMLN REPORTS LATEST ACTIONS IN USULUTAN

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(CLANDESTINE) RADIO VENCEREMOS IN SPANISH TO EL SALVADOR 1400 GMT
18 OCT 81

(FMLN WAR REPORT FROM THE FRANCISCO SANCHEZ EASTERN FRONT, IN
USULUTAN DEPARTMENT--LIVE RELAY)

((TEXT)) THIS MORNING, 17 OCTOBER, THE ENEMY FORCES, USING
105MM HOWITZERS PLACED IN GUADALUPE, USULUTAN DEPARTMENT, WERE FIRING
MORTAR AND CANNON FIRE AT EL JICARO, IN THE SAME DEPARTMENT. THIS
CANNON FIRE STARTED AT 0815 AND CONTINUES EVEN NOW.

((WORDS INDISTINCT)) CONCHAGUA, FMLN FORCES ERECTED BARRICADES AT
THE PLACE KNOWN AS (SUBE Y BAJA), BETWEEN EL CIPRES AND ((NAME
INDISTINCT)) CANTONS IN LA UNION DEPARTMENT. THIS ACTION STARTED AT
0500 AND LASTED UNTIL 1130. OUR FORCES OBSTRUCTED THE PASSAGE
OF VEHICLES ON THE COASTAL ROAD. THE PEOPLE IN THE VEHICLES WERE
GATHERED AND A SMALL RALLY, WHICH LASTED 15 MINUTES, WAS HELD. THE
PEOPLE THERE GAVE THEIR VALUABLE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION. OUR FORCES
WITHDREW WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS AFTER CARRYING OUT THIS ACTION.

AT 0900 ON THE SAME DAY, FMLN FORCES AMBUSHED TWO ARMY TRUCKS IN A
PLACE CALLED (QUEBRADA DE AGUA SUCIA). THE AMBUSH LASTED 5 MINUTES.
THE EXACT NUMBER OF CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY WAS NOT
DETERMINED. OUR COMBATANTS THEN TOOK NEW POSITIONS, TO WAIT FOR THE
ENEMY'S REACTION. THE ENEMY FORCES MOVED AROUND AND CONDUCTED
COMBING OPERATIONS IN THE PLACE FROM WHICH THEY HAD EARLIER TAKEN
MACHINEGUN FIRE. AFTER COMBING THE AREA, THE ENEMY SOLDIERS
RETURNED TO THE VEHICLES AND WENT BACK TO THE LA UNION GARRISON. AT
APPROXIMATELY 1100 OUR FORCES AMBUSHED THESE SAME VEHICLES AGAIN,
1/2 KM FROM SITE OF THE FIRST AMBUSH. THIS AMBUSH RESULTED IN A
30-MINUTE CLASH. THE FIRST VEHICLE WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY
RIFLE FIRE AND GRENADES. ONLY TWO OF THE SOLDIERS IN THE TRUCK
RESPONDED TO THE ATTACK, THE OTHERS HAVING BEEN ENUTRALIZED BY OUR
RIFLE FIRE. THEY WERE SUPPORTED BY THE OTHER VEHICLE BEHIND.
WE ESTIMATE THE ENEMY CASUALTIES AT 15. OUR FORCES WITHDREW IN
ORDERLY FASHION, WITHOUT REPORTING ANY CASUALTIES.

AT 1210 ON THE SAME DAY, AN FMLN SQUAD CARRIED OUT AN AMBUSH

NEAR (CERRO PARTIDO), BETWEEN (CONDALILLO) AND (LOMA LARGA) IN
LA UNION DEPARTMENT. THIS ACTION LASTED 10 MINUTES. THE ENEMY
SUSTAINED SEVEN CASUALTIES. ONE TREASURY POLICEMAN WAS KILLED AND
LEFT ON THE STREET. WE SEIZED A GEECH-RIFLE, ((WORD INDISTINCT)), A
BELT AND A HELMET FROM HIM. THE ENEMY VEHICLE WAS ABLE TO FLEE,
REMOVING THE DEAD AND WOUNDED. OUR FORCES WITHDREW IN AN ORDERLY
FASHION, WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS.

UNITED TO FIGHT UNTIL FINAL VICTORY!

REVOLUTION OR DEATH, WE WILL WIN!

JUAN RAMON MEDRANO, COMMANDER BALTA; AND JORGE MELENDEZ,
COMMANDER JONAS.

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